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PROGRAMMES FOR FLORICULTURE AND TRAINING IN PLAN PROTECTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes implemented by the ministry for training in plant protection and commercial floriculture under Scheme for the Farmers and criteria for providing loan, grants or financial aid alongwith contribution of State Government therein;

(b) the name of the agency entrusted with the task of implementing these programmes; and

(c) the funds allocated to Rajasthan for the purpose during the last three years, since April 01, 2000, year-wise and programme-wise

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : A Central Sector Scheme on Commercial Floriculture was implemented during IX Plan till October, 2000. The scheme has now been subsumed in Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Macro Management in Agriculture − Supplementation/Complementation of States efforts through work plan.` The scheme provides greater flexibility to States in prioritizing their needs. The States can pursue the programmes relating to training on commercial floriculture under the scheme. There is a component on training for which a provision of Rs 1000.00 per trainee has been made under the scheme with the objective to improve human resource capability for growing flowers scientifically.

In respect of training in plant protection, 26 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres under the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage spread in 22 States and one Union Territory provide general training in plant protection and Integrated Pest Management to the Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs) and farmers through Farmers` Field Schools (FFSs). Annually, 520 FFSs are conducted in different States covering 2600 AEOs and 15,600 farmers.

Further, National Plant Protection Training Institute (NPPTI), Hyderabad under the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage organizes 25-30 training courses of short and long durations in respect of general plant protection, quality control of pesticides etc. A copy of the training schedule of the NPPTI circulated to all States is given in Annexure.

(c): An amount of Rs. 213.15 lakh was released to the State during 2000-2001 under the Central Sector Scheme on Commercial Floriculture which is an Integrated scheme having a component for training in Commercial Floriculture. There is no scheme for grants-in-aid to States for training in plant protection. Therefore, in respect of the same, question of allocation of funds to Rajasthan does not arise.

ANNEXURE

NATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION TRAINING INSTITUTE
HYDERABAD
TRAINING SCHEDULE 2003-2004

S.No.	Name of the Course	Duration	Period From	Period To
A.	REGULAR COURSES			
1.	Post Graduate Diploma Course in Plant Protection	10 months	1.7.2003	30.4.2004
2.	Pesticide Residue Analysis	3 months	1.7.2003	30.9.2003
3.	Pesticide Formulation Analysis	3 months	1.10.2003	31.12.2003
			2.2.2004	30.4.2004
B.	SHORT DURATION COURSES			

1 Pesticide Application Techniques and Maintenance of Plant Protection Equipment	8 days	24.6.2003 1.7.2003 7.10.2003 14.10.2003 3.2.2004 10.2.2004	
2 Safe and Judicious use of pesticides	7 days	24.6.2003 30.6.2003	
3. Integrated Pest Management in Rice	10 days	4.8.2003 13.8.2003 10.2.2004 19.2.2004	
4 Integrated Weed Management in Major Field Crops	8 days	19.8.2003 26.8.2003	
5. Workshop on Vertebrate Pest Management	4 days	25.8.2003 28.8.2003	
6. Rodent Pest Management	7 days	2.09.2003 8.9.2003	
7 Pest Surveillance	7 days	10.9.2003 16.9.2003	
8. Disease Management in Major Crops	8 days	17.9.2003 24.9.2003	
9. Integrated Pest Management in Cotton	8 days	15.10.2003 22.10.2003	
10. Workshop on Integrated Weed management in Sugarcane	4 days	3.11.2003 6.11.2003	
11. Integrated Pest Management in Pulses and Oilseeds	12 days	17.11.2003 28.11.2003	
12. Workshop on Pesticide Application Technology	4 days	1.12.2003 4.12.2003	
13. Integrated Pest Management in Vegetable Crops	10 days	9.12.2003 18.12.2003	
14. Instrumental Analysis of Pesticides	19 days	5.1.2004 23.1.2004	
15. Audio-Visual-Aids & Communication Techniques	7 days	6.1.2004 12.1.2004	
16. Workshop on Neem –an-Eco-Friendly Pest Management Tool	4 days	1.3.2004 4.3.2004	
17. Workshop on Problems of Pesticides Residues in Agriculture	4 days	15.3.2004 18.3.2004	
18. Appex Level Training on Rodent# Control	3 days		

C. COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED IN STATES ##

1. Instrumental Analysis of Pesticides	14 days	
2. Rodent Pest Management for Uttar Pradesh	4 days	
3. Redent Pest Management for Jammu & Kashmir	4 days	

In collaboration with Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad, AndhraPradesh. Date of commencement to be intimated later.

Based on response from the States. Date of commencement to be intimated later.